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including firing practice at towed sleeve targets and formation flying of up to eight aircraft. Alert practices took place at Neuruppin and Koethen airfields on 20 and 21 March. The aircraft were parked in revetments during the alerts. A column of three radio trucks and 10 other trucks left Merseburg airfield on 23 March, presumably to participate in an exercise.

2. Bomber Units:

Forty-seven IL-10's, including 30 belonging to the Ground Attack Regiment from Brandenburg-Briest, were observed at Doeberitz airfield on 19 March, formations of up to 34 IL-10's left Doeberitz on flights of 75 minutes' duration. IL-10 formations practiced over the Kammersdorf range on 18 and 23 March. On 17 and 19 March, IL-28's conducted bombing practices over the Gadow-Rossow bomb range.

C. Personnel Shipments to Airfields:

1. Gross Doelln and Oranienburg.

About 300 men wearing black-bordered blue epaulets arrived by truck at both Gross Doelln and Oranienburg on 23 and 24 March respectively. The renovation of the "Weisse Stadt" settlement in Oranienburg was completed on 23 March.^{1 2}

2. Brandis:

Trucks, a number of caterpillar tractors and 400 to 500 men wearing black bordered blue epaulets arrived at Brandis Airfield on 10 March. A total of between 1000 and 1100 men are now stationed at Brandis Airfield.³

D. Rail Shipments:

1. Fuel Shipments:

Gross Doelln: 6 railroad tank cars on 25 March
Merseburg : 21 railroad tank cars between 11 and 23 March.
Brandis : 160 cubic meters between 21 and 23 March

2. Shuttle Trains:

Prior to 21 March five shuttle trains were dispatched from Frankfurt/Oder to Brest Litovsk. A total of 18 trains were scheduled to be sent. Each train consisted of two express train coaches, five converted boxcars, one kitchen car and three flatcars.

F. Construction Projects:

Three two story houses are scheduled to be constructed at Werneuchen airfield. The houses, intended for officers' dependents will contain 24 lodgings each.⁵

1. Comment: The simultaneous arrival of units at Gross Doelln and Oranienburg indicates that both airfields are to be occupied by units of the same division. The former location of the troops has not been determined. 25X1
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3. Comment: The identity and previous location of these troops have not been determined. 25X1
4. Comment: There is no evidence that the shuttle trains are intended for air force shipments. The employment of two coaches per train indicates that many officers are to be transported. 25X1
5. Comment: Quarters are also being constructed at other airfields, indicating that civilian housing space will be released. 25X1

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